(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) As per Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for 12 districts received from Himachal Pradesh, 12483 Below Poverty Line (BPL) households are targeted for electrification under RGGVY.

Power transmission in project

2201. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation proposes to launch a critical power transmission project connecting the North-east with the rest of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

. (c) how far will this project help power-starved regions to get additional power to control power-cuts, especially in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) have planned a scheme for evacuation and transmission of power to be generated in the new power projects in the North-East Region, Sikkim and Bhutan to the States in the Northern and Western Regions. The scheme envisages a + 800 kV HVDC bipote of 6000 MW capacity.

(c) The States of Northern and Western Regions, including Delhi, would be the beneficiaries of this Transmission Project.

Statu* of Mega Power Projects

2202. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR. Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of various Mega Power Projects announced;

(b) whether the reports that a foreign partner has withdrawn from the Sasan Mega Power Project is correct; and

(c) if so, the reasons for withdrawal and whether it win have any impact on this important aspect of India's infrastructure building efforts?